CAMPAIGN PLANNING; CENTER(S) OF GRAVITY IDENTIFICATION
IW333

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DESCRIPTION: This class continues the exploration of the five phase campaign planning process by examining phases four. It addresses how IW fits into the COG Identification phase of campaign planning. The lesson is divided into two sections: a lecture followed by a seminar exercise.

METHODOLOGY: Informal lecture,Exercise/1 Hour

OBJECTIVE: The objective of this lesson is for each student to apply information warfare to effect friendly and enemy centers of gravity.

SAMPLES OF BEHAVIOR:

1. Find, discuss and list ways to effect friendly and enemy centers of gravity using information warfare.

2. Given a list of enemy targets, explain the relationship between each target on the list and an enemy center of gravity.

REQUIRED READINGS:

1. *Joint Publication 3-56.1: Command and Control for Joint Air Operations*, Chapter III. Instructional Circular pages 330-H-1 through 330-H-8.

2. Izzo, Lawrence L. "The Center of Gravity Is Not an Achilles Heel." <u>Military Review</u>. January 1988. Instructional Circular pages 333-H-1 through 333-H-8.

RECOMMENDED READING:

1. *"Sometimes the Dragon Wins,"* Col Charles J. Dunlap, Jr. USAF, Instructional Circular pages 240-H-9 through 240-H-30.

Centers of Gravity

The hubs of all power and movement, on which everything depends.

Carl Von Clausewitz

…those characteristics, capabilities, or localities from which a military force, nation, or alliance derives its freedom of action, physical strength, or will to fight

Joint Doctrine

Warden's Five Rings

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Types of Attack

Direct--frontal assault

Indirect--supporting element

Tangential--partial attack--more dependent on another element

The mind of the enemy and the will of his leaders is a target of far more importance than the bodies of his troops.   *BGen S.B. Griffith II, USMC*

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